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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Tetsuya ISHIKAWA, et al.

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For : IMAGE-PROCESSING SYSTEM INCLUDING  
A PLURALITY OF IMAGE PROCESSING  
APPARATUSES DIVIDED INTO GROUPS,  
ONE IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
BEING CAPABLE OF REQUESTING AN  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS OF A  
DIFFERENT GROUP TO PROCESS IMAGE  
DATA

Art Unit : 2625

Examiner : Thierry L. Pham

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request  
for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action  
mailed April 15, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed  
July 2, 2008, the term for response to which expires on  
July 15, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2. Claims 1-13 are canceled; claims 14  
and 16 are amended; and claims 15 and 17 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

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petition for extension of time  
is not filed concurrently  
herewith, please consider this  
as a Petition for the requisite  
extension of time, and to the  
extent not already paid,  
authorization to charge the  
extension fee to Account  
No. 06-1378. In addition,  
authorization is hereby given to  
charge any fees for which  
payment has not been submitted,  
or to credit any overpayments,  
to Account No. 06-1378.